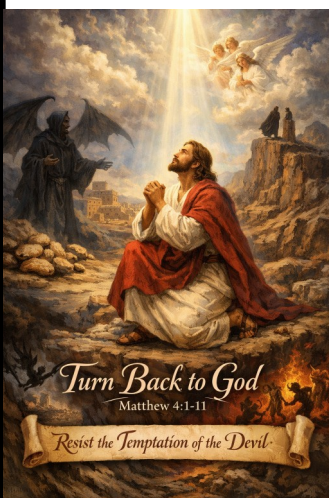




Dear parents, carers, family members and friends of St Joseph's,
I hope everyone had a lovely and relaxing half-term break! It is wonderful to see all the smiling faces as we begin our first week back together. As we embark on this new term, we are reminded of the special season of Lent — a time when we strive to grow closer to God. Lent invites us to pray more, give things up, and help others. It is a period for reflection and turning back to God.

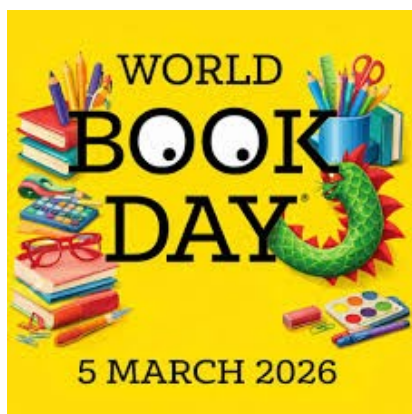
This week, we have been focusing on our theme: Turning Back to God. During our worship, I asked the children to reflect on the significance of the altar during Lent. One notable change is the use of the purple cloth, which is draped over the altar. The purple cloth serves as a powerful symbol of penitence, repentance, and preparation. It visually reminds us of the 40 days of prayer and fasting, representing Jesus's royalty as the "King of Kings".



In line with our theme, we explored the Gospel reading from Matthew 4:1-11, where Jesus shows us how to choose God and make good choices. Thank you to the children in Class 4 who helped bring this gospel to life with their reenactment. Throughout Lent, we are encouraged to follow Jesus by committing to our mission: to pray every day, give something up, and help someone in need. To further engage with this mission, I have asked each child to create Lent promise cards. These cards will be displayed outside Mrs. Colley's office as a reminder of our commitments during this sacred season.

On Wednesday, our girls' football team played at home against Harwich Community Primary. Mr. Gueizelar reported that, unfortunately, Harwich Community had an incredible player, and we lost the match 4-1. The girls started strong but conceded a goal against the run of play. Despite the challenges, the girls demonstrated remarkable resilience and never gave up. Their hard work paid off in the second half when Captain Ivy scored our goal with a lovely finish. I am delighted to announce that Ivy has been awarded Player of the Match for her tireless work rate and never-give-up attitude, which never goes unnoticed.

Next week promises to be busy and exciting! On Monday, parents of Year 6 are invited to a meeting to discuss the arrangements for the upcoming SATs in May. This meeting will take place after school in Class 4. Your attendance is highly encouraged as we prepare our children for this important assessment. Mr. Higgins and myself will be available to answer any of your questions.



Tuesday our boys' football team will play at home against All Saints, with kick-off scheduled for 3:30 pm. We warmly invite all parents and supporters to come along and cheer for our team!

St. Joseph's will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March! The children will spend the afternoon engaging in a range of fun activities linked to literature, all designed to promote a love of reading and storytelling. Children are warmly invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Alternatively, they may choose to wear something cosy, like pyjamas, that they might snuggle up in to read a good book.

Finally, Friday we will have a Non-Uniform Day in support of our PTA Race Day. More information regarding this event will be shared via Seesaw, so please keep an eye out for updates.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Let us embrace this season of Lent with open hearts and a commitment to grow closer to God and each other.

I hope you all have a lovely and safe weekend.

Take care—God bless—Mrs. Golding

Attendance Data

	Last Week	This Week	Late Marks
Class 1	97.27%	100%	4
Class 2	91.48%	92.22%	1
Class 3	92.73%	96.06%	4
Class 4	94.24%	93.33%	2



Certificate Winners

Class 1: Zariah, Marlee-Mai and Elsie

Class 2: Orla and Ishmael

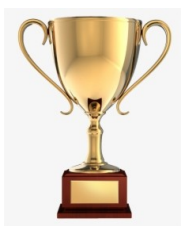
Class 3: Harper, Jax, Daisy, Remi, Ella and Zachary

Class 4: Neve, Robbie, James S, Emma, Lottie, Thorin, Ivy, John, Reece and Gracie

Mrs Golding's Headteacher's Award: Albie

Whole School Attendance this week: 95.13%

Winning Class this week: Class 1 - 100%



Winning House Team This Week:
ST PATRICK

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 2nd March	Y6 Parents SATS meeting 3.20pm
Tues 3rd March	Football at St Joseph's Boys V All Saint's KO 3.20pm
Thurs 5th March	World Book Day—dress as a character or come in Pjs
Fri 6th March	Non Uniform and Race Day—No Assembly—see below
Fri 13th March	Mother's Day Breakfast/Tea—No Assembly—see below
Tues 17th March	Parent/Teacher Meetings—letters have gone out this week
Weds 18th March	Parent/Teacher Meetings—letters have gone out this week Girls Football Match at Spring Meadow 3.30pm KO
Thurs 19th March	Class 3 Visit to Lime Court pm
Fri 20th March	There is Assembly at 3pm today
Tuesday 24th March	2pm Class 3 Performance—Lion King
Thursday 26th March	6pm Class 3 Performance—Lion King
Fri 27th March	PTA Auction 3pm—No Assembly Last day of Spring term
Mon 13th April	First day back for children after Easter
Mon 4th May	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Mon 11th May	SATs Week—Y6
Fri 22nd May	Last day before half-term
Mon 1st June	First day back after half-term
Fri 19th June	Father's Day (or Father figures/mums) Games and Ice Cream
Weds 24th June	Sports Day
Weds 1st July	Reserve Sports Day
Fri 3rd July	Summer Fete
Fri 17th July	Last day of school for Children

Week Beginning Monday 2nd March
New Menu Week 2

Autumn Menu - Week Two

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Burger Or Jacket Potatoes	Pizza Or Jacket Potatoes	Roast Chicken Or Jacket Potatoes	Brunch Lunch Or Jacket Potatoes	Fish Fingers and Chips Or Jacket Potatoes
Wedges Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Rice Salad Bar	Mixed Vegetables Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Beans Salad Bar
Fruit and Yoghurt	Fruit and Yoghurt	Fruit and Yoghurt	Fruit and Yoghurt	Fruit and Yoghurt or Treat Friday

**Cool water, fresh fruit and yoghurt available daily*



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

St Joseph's are occasionally asked to promote activities from local groups, such as the Swimming Pool, the Sports Hall, Church Groups etc....

Such activities are not quality assured by the school and parents should be aware of the need to reassure themselves of the quality and safety of the services on offer, for example by visiting, looking at inspection reports etc.

Our website can be accessed at

<https://www.st-josephs->



MISS FINNEY TUTORING

ages 3 - 11

Tutoring group spaces are
available in the following

subjects:

- Phonics
- Mathematics
- English
- SATs Preparation
- Phonics Screening Test

Offering tutoring in a small
classroom environment for
children ages 3-11.



Preparation

For further information, please contact:



07398091022



vfinneytutoring@outlook.com



[@miss.finney.tutoring](https://www.instagram.com/miss.finney.tutoring)



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Non-Uniform & Race Afternoon

Friday 6th March 2026



Non-Uniform Day in exchange for Chocolate, Sweets, Crisps or Drink in below colours:

Class 1 – Blue, Class 2 Red,

Class 3 – Green, Class 4 – Yellow.

**Bring The Family and Friends to raise funds for
The School.**

First Race Underway at 2.45pm (6 Races on Card)

Horses Auctioned for Each Race

(Winning Owners to Receive Cash / Prize / Hamper)

There will also be opportunity to have a bet on the horses with winning owners receiving cash rewards.

The PTA Team look forward to seeing you all.



FRIDAY 13TH MARCH 2026 MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST / AFTERNOON TEA

Previous Years have proved to be a hugely popular event – chance for children to celebrate this day with their Mum's / Nan's / Carer. Slight difference this year will be the option of Breakfast or Afternoon Tea. Due to increasing numbers, we ask you to reserve your place by Wednesday 4th March 2026 at the School Office ensuring you identify which event you would like to attend – we ask kindly that you only purchase for one of the events.



**915AM
(BREAKFAST) 2PM
(AFTERNOON TEA) IN
THE SCHOOL HALL**

**£3.50 PER PARENT
/ CARER / NAN /
GUARDIAN**

**CUT OFF TO
RESERVE YOUR
PLACE IS
WEDNESDAY 4TH
MARCH 2026**

**PLEASE PAY AT THE
SCHOOL OFFICE.**

**SIBLINGS WILL
HAVE BREAKFAST
WITH YOU AS A
FAMILY.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS, PLEASE
CONTACT GREG ON
07919 186392.**

**Please Indicate any Dietary
Requirements when
Reserving your Place.**



HSTV KIDS

So much more than you expect!

CHECK OUT WHAT ALL THE FUSS IS ABOUT

JOIN NOW TO BE PART OF OUR SNAPE MALTINGS CONCERT 23RD MAY 2026!

HSTV KIDS

Harwich Sing Tendring Voices

www.harwichsingtendringvoices.com

Clare – 07554 423613

Looking for enthusiastic singers who love music!

In May this year, HSTV will be performing at the wonderful, world-renowned concert hall at Snape Maltings.

We would like as many children and young people to have the opportunity to experience singing at such a prestigious venue and invite them to join HSTV KIDS.

The preparations and practices for this concert have just begun.

I would like to encourage all enthusiastic singers from school age upwards to get in touch now, try a class in the next week or two, and have a look at the Harwich Sing Tendring Voices website to view photos and footage of previous adventures we've had.

We are a very friendly and welcoming group; there is singing for all ages, with community at its heart.

Come and experience a day out at Snape Maltings, enjoying all they have to offer and then finish your trip with a next level HSTV concert.

We are so unbelievably excited to get the opportunity to perform at this world-renowned concert hall, be part of it or come and enjoy.

HSTV CHOIR

HSTV TOTS: £7 pay as you go, need to book place weekly

Monday 10-11am (Fortnightly) Lawford Venture Centre

Thursday 10-11am (Fortnightly) Harwich Arts & Heritage Centre

HSTV KIDS:

£21 monthly membership

Tuesday 5-6pm

Lawford Venture Centre

Wednesday 4.15 - 5.15pm

Harwich Arts & Heritage Centre

Thursday 5.30 - 6.30pm

Plough Corner, Little Clacton

HS NEXGEN: (Teens & young people) **£21 monthly membership**

Wednesday 5.30 - 6.30pm

Harwich Arts & Heritage Centre

HSTV ADULTS:

£25 monthly membership

Tuesday 7 - 8.30pm

Mistley Church Hall, Manningtree

Wednesday 9.30 - 11am

Harwich Arts & Heritage Centre

(Morning class includes a creche, plus refreshments at the end of class)

Wednesday 7-8.30pm

Harwich Arts & Heritage Centre

Thursday 7.30 - 9pm

Plough Corner, Little Clacton

HS GOLDEN OLDIES:

FREE (Sing a long sessions)

Dementia Friendly

First Monday of every month

2 - 3.30pm Harwich Arts & Heritage Centre

Second Friday of every month

10.30 - 12pm Mistley Church Hall

Third Wednesday of every month

1.30 - 3pm Park Pavilion, Harwich

Fourth Friday of every month

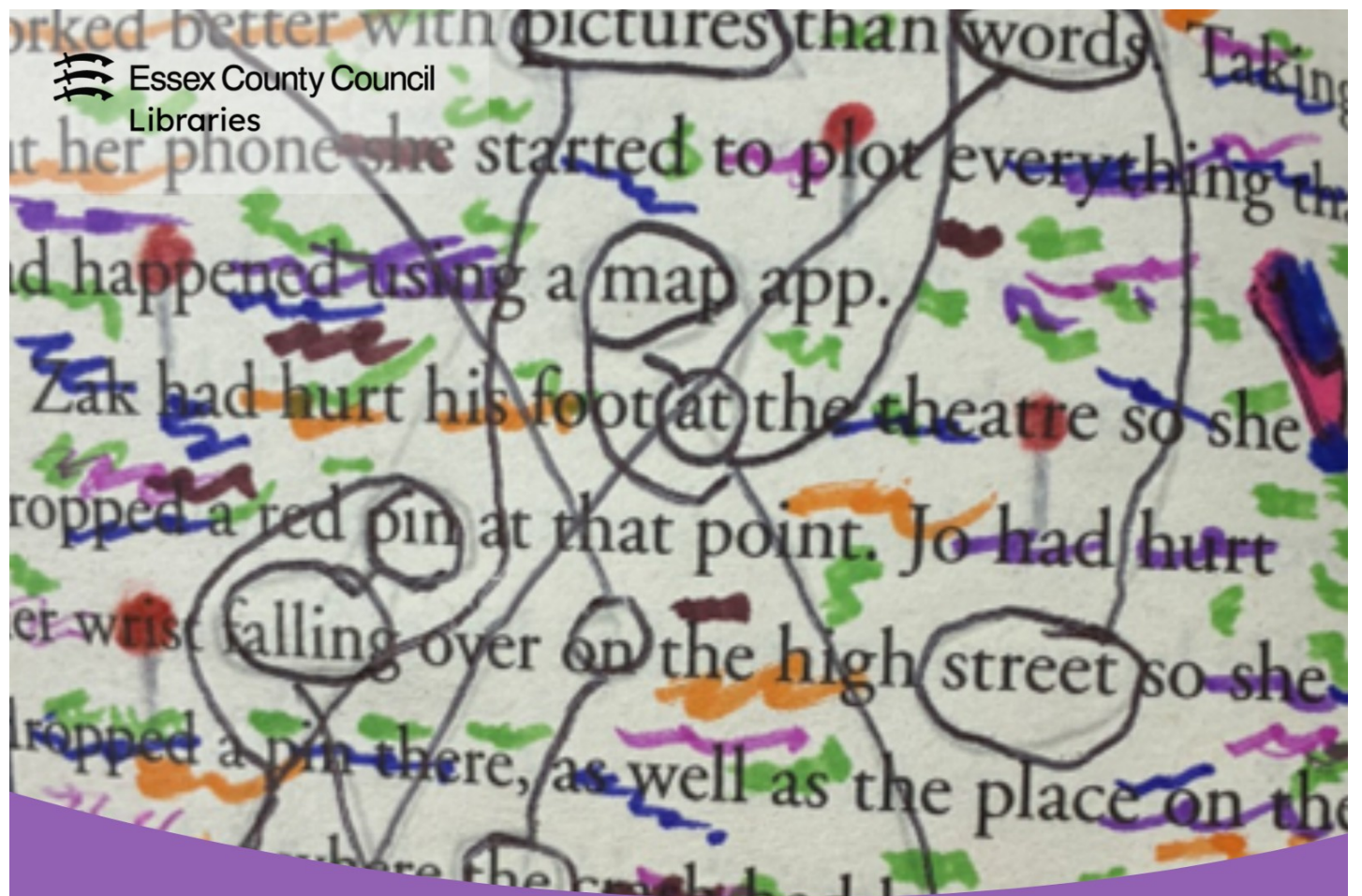
10.30 - 12pm Thorpe Baptist Church

(Includes free refreshments at the beginning of all sessions)





Essex County Council
Libraries



Children's Blackout Poetry

Harwich Library

Saturday 7 March, 10:30am to 12noon

- Calling all budding writers!
- Join our creative workshop repurposing book pages into poetry
- Suitable for ages 8 to 15
- Booking is needed



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Ark Xtra! Respite sessions

Respite care for children with additional needs,
no official diagnosis required

Subsidised sessions for families in our
community with thanks to our support from
Colchester Catalyst

£15 per child

Saturday 7th March
Saturday 4th April

9.30am - 2.30pm

To book please contact Jessie:
nursery@thearkcentrgroup.co.uk
01255 502063

PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE ABLE TO OFFER
SPACES ON A 1:2 RATIO. IF YOUR CHILD
REQUIRES MORE SUPPORT THAN THIS,
PLEASE CALL TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER

The Ark
Centre
Nursery



You Are Not Alone Drop-in

Every 1st Tuesday of the month - 7.00pm - 8.30pm

A free monthly online drop-in for parents & carers

The **You Are Not Alone** community is a friendly and safe space run by Erik & Sally Wagter where you can come and learn about autism & PDA, ask questions, connect with like-minded people or simply listen and learn from other people's conversations.



In this community we talk about all sorts of things such as:

- helping your child regulate their emotions & feelings (meltdowns etc)
- understanding autism and PDA
- navigating school and EHCPs
- Supporting your child with friendships
- understanding and managing challenging behaviour
- managing sensory needs
- developing a positive relationship with your child (family dynamics)
- exploring EOTAS or home education
- looking after your wellbeing
- and so much more



Here's what parents have said:

*'My husband Jamie was saying that in the last few sessions, he has learned **so much more about autism and PDA** than he has over the past year - Jo (parent)*

*'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel and I **really do feel less alone** and more validated. My hope is back' - Louise (parent)*

You can request the **Zoom link** on our website

<https://youarenotalone.community> or you can send an email to

team@youarenotalone.community



FREE WEBINARS FOR PARENTS/ CARERS

of primary aged children to support with
mental health and wellbeing

Provided by your Mental Health Support Team

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Coming up in March...

Understanding and Supporting
Your Child with Fears and Worries
9th March 7 pm

Understanding ADHD
18th March 10 am



JOIN US FOR MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA OPEN TO ALL



**Saturday 14th March 2026
2pm until 4pm**

**Tendring District Scout Centre
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£10 per adult (first child under 18 free) £2.50 for each extra child.
Gluten Free/Vegetarian options available on request, please let us know
when booking. If you have any other allergies please let us know.



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